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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6806
INFO USLO PEKING
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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SUBJ: CONTACTS WITH PRC OFFICIALS

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1. EMBASSY INVITED CHINESE AMBASSADOR HSIUNG HSIANG- HUI AND COUNSELOR LI SHAN- YI TO JULY 4 RECEPTION BUT NEITHER OFFICIAL ATTENDED. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR AT CANADA NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION JULY 1, COUNSELOR LI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AMBASSADOR AND HE HAD RECEIVED INVITATIONS BUT SAID THAT SINCE PRC DID NOT HAVE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH U. S., HIS AMBASSADOR WOULD HAVE TO MAKE POLICY DECISION ON WHETHER TO ATTEND. OBVIOUSLY HE DECIDED NOT TO.

2. ONE CONSIDERATION IN THIS DECISION MAY BE FACT THAT NATIONALIST CHINESE STILL MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL OFFICE HERE AND PRC OFFICIALS MAY HAVE FEARED THAT THE NATIONALISTS WERE ALSO INVITED TO JULY 4 RECEPTION. IN FACT, THEY WERE NOT, ALTHOUGH THEY DID SEND A HUGE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT TO THE RESIDENCE.

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3. IN OUR CONTACTS WITH PRC OFFICIALS WE HAVE FOUND
THEM TO BE QUITE FRIENDLY AND APPARENTLY ANXIOUS FOR
GOOD RELATIONS WITH US. WE WILL DISCREETLY ATTEMPT TO
PROBE FURTHER AS TO WHY NEITHER AMBASSADOR NOR
COUNSELOR OF PRC EMBASSY ATTENDED JULY 4 RECEPTION.
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